

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

Docket No.: E14.2H-11416-US01

Title of Invention: Conveyor Lubricants for Use in the Food and Beverage Industries

As the below named inventor(s), I/We declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☒ The attached application, or
- ☐ Application No. _____, filed on _____,
- ☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by an amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Ecolab Inc. (name of assignee), a MN Corporation (e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency etc.) is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of:

A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. A photocopy of the Assignment is enclosed. The original Assignment is being mailed to Assignment Branch for recording.

OR

B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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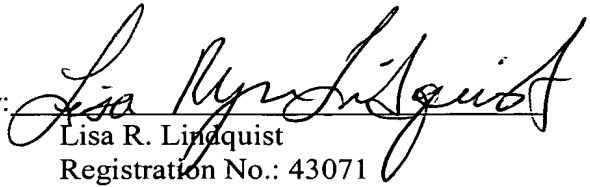
☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement of ownership certificate on behalf of the assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, I(we)

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have invented an invention for:

Conveyor Lubricants for Use in the Food and Beverage Industries

disclosed in my (our) application for United States Letter Patent filed:

☒ concurrently herewith
☐ on _____ and assigned Serial No. _____; and

I (we) hereby authorize and request any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., Suite 2000, 6109 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-9185, to insert the filing date and application number of said application above when known.

WHEREAS, Ecolab Inc. ("Assignee"), a corporation having its principal place of business at:

840 Sibley Memorial Highway
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is desirous of acquiring the

- ☒ entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, to said application for any and all countries, to any and all Letters Patent, and to any and all Design Letters Patent of any and all countries which may be granted thereon;
- ☐ entire right, title and interest in the US application described above;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I(we) hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee, its successors, and assigns, the

- ☒ entire right, title and interest, legal and equitable, in and to said invention, to said application for any and all countries, to any and all Letters Patent, and to any and all Design Letters Patent of any and all countries which may be granted thereon;
- ☐ the entire right, title and interest, legal and equitable, in and to said application and all United States Letters Patent and Design Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

and the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue all Letters Patent and all Design Letters Patent which may be granted to said invention to Assignee.

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Ecolab Inc.

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as assignee of the entire interest of the above identified patent application, hereby appoints all practitioners of **Customer No. 490** to insert the docket no., filing date and application number of said application above when known; to prosecute this application and any application claiming priority therefrom; to execute any terminal disclaimers on behalf of assignee; and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from, and to communicate directly with, the firm or person which sent this case to VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS unless or until I instruct VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS in writing to the contrary.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2004

(Name of Company)

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